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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Beginning October 1, the subscription price of the Daily and Sunday editions of The Washington Herald will be 45 cents per month, instead of 40 cents per month, as heretofore. The subscription price of the Daily only edition will remain unchanged—25 cents per month.

The Tax on Bay Windows.

A correspondent of The Washington Herald asks for some light upon the proposed tax upon bay windows and projections. He points out that such a tax would mulct the taxpayers out of thousands of dollars, and asks if it is possible that such a proposal is being dignified with serious consideration.

The suggestion that a tax be imposed upon bay windows and projections did not originate with the District Commissioners, but was brought to their attention by an architect who believed that the government should receive some compensation from private individuals for the occupation of space beyond the building line. The proposition was not, however, ignored by the Commissioners. They treated it with seriousness and referred it to an association of Washington architects for consideration. It is now the subject of investigation by a committee of experts of that organization.

The Washington Herald has not hitherto expressed any opinion upon this matter, because it did not seem possible that the District Commissioners really proposed to place this additional burden upon the taxpayers here. Inasmuch as the suggestion is still open for consideration, we have no hesitation in saying that to add this tax to the others now borne by our citizens would be in the nature of an imposition. There is no necessity for it, in the first place, and it would unquestionably tend to decrease the amount of building.

We should be disposed offhand to say that the Commissioners would act adversely in the matter of the projection tax, but remembering the arbitrary and abrupt way in which the water rates were raised, there is really no telling what may happen.

The District Commissioners have prohibited the putting up of any more billboards. Now if they can keep board bills from being put up, they will make a hit with the boarders.

Austria and Italy.

The close watch which is kept by Austria over the Italian naval operations in the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea plainly indicates the true relations between the two powers as a result of the situation developed by the war with Turkey. We take it that Austria, in return for Italy's acquiescence in the annexation by the former of Bosnia and Herzegovina three years ago, was ready and willing to wink at Italy's procedure at Tripoli, but when it comes to operations in the Adriatic, both of them still continue to contend for supremacy. The too aggressive policy followed by the Duke of the Abruzzi may yet lead to serious complications, perhaps in a disrupting of the triple alliance, to which treaty both are signatories. We are ready to believe the cable report that the prime minister of Austria has "categorically" notified Italy that an Austrian fleet would make a demonstration on the Italian shore of the Adriatic unless a satisfactory explanation is made of the attack on the Albanian port of San Giovanni di Medua.

The cause for Austria's anxiety is not far to seek. She is not ready for a reopening of the Balkan issue. She fears that the extension of the theater of hostilities into European Turkey would result in disorders there which might soon become beyond control. Austria, it may be taken for granted, has her eyes upon the Sanjak of Saloniki, but she is obliged to abide her time until there can be some sort of an agreement which could be twisted into a "European understanding" on the subject, while a premature opening of the Eastern question might lead to serious complications for the entire European concert.

Austria is the stronger of the two in the Adriatic. The Italian coast is practically without any harbors, while Dal-

matia has safe shelter for shipping or war vessels. Below this are Albania and Epirus, under Turkish sovereignty, a ground of vantage which neither Italy nor Austria would like to see pass into the control of the other, for it would mean the domination of the Adriatic gulf. It is this rivalry which explains the anxiety of Austria that Italy may develop too great a naval strength in the disputed waters.

Secretary Wilson might even things up by making one of the temperance addresses which are expected to be delivered at the Brewers' International Congress.

Insane People at Large.

It is not reassuring to the public to know that insane persons supposed to be safely confined in St. Elizabeth's can escape from that institution, ride around the city in taxicabs, and otherwise disport themselves. In the case which occurred yesterday the patient notified the police that he was crazy.

It is, of course, fully appreciated that in an institution which numbers 2,000 or 3,000 people it is a difficult matter to secure absolutely perfect administration. It would seem, however, as if more careful guardianship ought to be established.

When persons are committed to an insane asylum on account of their mental condition, it is not safe to allow them to escape.

Mail carriers' salaries are being increased. Since they have begun using aeroplanes for the purpose, mail carrying is coming high.

Should Exercise Great Care.

No one will begrudge President Taft all the enjoyment which he may find in a journey of 15,000 or 20,000 miles. His love of travel is proverbial, and with an endurance which is little short of marvelous he successfully undergoes a daily strain which would break down a constitution less mured to strenuous tours.

At the same time, not only the President but those who arrange his daily programme should remember that it is worse than mere foolhardiness to place him in any position which might result in an accident. It would seem as if the trip up Mount Rainier belongs in this category. We are told that it was not without its exciting incidents. "For half a mile," says one dispatch, "the President's automobile, with the fifteen others, swished along the edge of Nisqually Canyon, with a sheer descent of 600 feet into the river, which looked like a silver ribbon through the haze. At one place the President's car was held up by a tree across the road."

There are enough opportunities for accident in a journey across the continent and return without adding to them by trips which are manifestly dangerous. The preservation of the life and health of the President is of more importance to the country than securing his personal interest in a proposition to create another national park, which is the reason why the Takoma people carried him 7,000 feet into the air.

Secretary Hitchcock wants an appropriation of \$50,000 for aerial mail carriers. At the price set by Mr. Hearst, that will carry only one mail across the continent.

The Navy Yard Deficit.

An antiquated system of bookkeeping is blamed for the alleged disappearance of property valued at more than three and a quarter million dollars at the Washington Navy Yard, according to the statement given by Secretary Meyer to the press yesterday. It would be premature to utter condemnation upon the matter at this early stage and until a thorough investigation has shown who were responsible for negligence or worse.

Two things stand out prominently in this discovery. First, the shortage alleged here did not occur in other navy yards, where the auditors and inventory takers, we are told, found everything in proper shape; and then, as errors of such magnitude could not possibly have occurred during the short period of one administration, the predecessors of Mr. Meyer could have exercised little or no supervision or control over the establishment under their charge.

It is to be hoped that a thorough investigation will be instituted at once in order to place the blame where it belongs and to punish those guilty of lack of proper care with respect to public property in their keeping.

The Value of Fire Drills.

Six hundred men and women employed in a Philadelphia factory walked out of the building one afternoon last week in good order, within five minutes after fire had been discovered. In another shop in that city, the following day, a hundred young women went safely downstairs into the street without the least indication of a panic.

In both cases the progress of the flames was rapid, and a few minutes' delay in leaving the building might have resulted in loss of life. A practiced fire drill in the former instance and the cool heads of those in charge in the latter case prevented loss of life.

This contrast with the usual and only too frequent factory horror deserves to be noted. The inspiration of a good example is far more beneficial than the warning of the bad. To the preventives of fire, which, at best, are still incomplete, should be added every known method of insuring absence of

panic in any building where large numbers of persons are gathered for business or for pleasure.

If the new buzzard constructed by the Wright brothers fails to soar, it will doubtless make its inventors sore.

A Rock Creek Railway.

New impetus was given last week to the movement started some time ago for the construction of an electric road to traverse the entire length of Rock Creek Park. This is a project which deserves the careful consideration of every one in the District.

Rock Creek Park is beyond doubt one of the most beautiful spots of natural scenery in the whole country. Washington is fortunate in possessing it, but it is claimed, and with apparent truth, that only about 5 per cent of the inhabitants of the District are able to take advantage of its beauties. By reason of its remote situation, large area, and topography only those who can afford some means of conveyance to it and through it can really enjoy it.

With an electric railway and a low rate of fare everybody could enjoy the park. There can be no objection to the construction of such a line, for it would be built so as not to interfere with the natural scenery.

Parks are supposed to be for the benefit of all the people; but Rock Creek Park apparently is not.

It would not be surprising if it should turn out that the stock of the Suez Canal Company had some water in it.

A Washington woman wrote her will on a prescription blank. Those relatives who were not mentioned must take their medicine.

Gov. Wilson may not like "The Beautiful Life of Somewhere," but would probably prefer going there to not getting anywhere.

A correspondent wants to know what is the most important place to be visited in Washington. Modesty forbids us to answer.

Did Miss Bell, the telephone girl, captivate her rich husband by her ringing voice?

The United States Rubber Company has declared a dividend for the first time in years. Perhaps it found it necessary to stretch a point.

The negro youth who tried to steal a large letter post got himself into a hole.

J. J. Hill says he sees prosperity. Most of us can reach that point if we owned his railroad.

It almost seems strange that an aviator should die a natural death.

In Kansas City a new air port has been discovered in champagne bottles dropped from balloons. That shows the danger of a drop too much.

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AS OTHERS SEE IT.

From the Philadelphia Press.
Probably it is just as well that Col. Roosevelt made that resolution to deliver no speeches this year. There are plenty of others talking, and not much room left for anybody to get in sideways.

From the Baltimore Star.
A pauper murderer in a German prison has just fallen heir to \$500,000. Time for a Teuton Dolma to evolve dementia Germanica.

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From the Charlotte Observer.
"Columbia is growing taller," says the State, and it is encouraging to note that Columbia is growing even in any direction.

From the Elmer Advertiser.
The "ankle-snake" has arrived. That sounds somewhat like the name of a summer resort.

From the Atlanta Constitution.
"What has become of the young man who used to carry his comb and tooth brush in his vest pocket?" asks a Kansas paper. As we remember him he carried his tooth brush in his upper coat pocket and his comb over his ear.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.
The French navy is the most dangerous navy in the world—to those who put to sea in French naval vessels.

From the Pittsburg Post.
What part of the Turkey will you have?

From the Detroit Free Press.
One way to prove his identity would be to ask Kimmel where his mother used to hide her pocketbook for safekeeping.

From the Boston Courier.
In six years, 1,783 criminal aliens have been expelled from the United Kingdom. Year before last seven of them were Americans, last year sixteen.

From the Rome Tribune-Herald.
A Chicago woman says smoking opium makes her bright. It does not; it makes her real bright, she wouldn't smoke it.

From the St. Louis Republic.
The little seven that leaves the whole lump of education is the football team.

From the Boston Transcript.
Now that the Department of Justice is after the kindling wood trust we may expect to see the chips fly—or we may not.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

TIME FOR COAL.

Beside the gloomy void I stand;
With sickly
I own I have no scheme at hand
To fill that bin.

It is, of course, no use to rave
About my plight;
Ten thousand carats I must have
Of anthracite.

The autumn winds are growing chill;
I must begin
Devising ways and means to fill
That empty bin.

Uncle Pennywise Says:
I hear a lot of unemployed actors have
come out to help harvest the wheat.
They'll find a day in a wheat field isn't
no twenty-minute sketch.

Became Proficient.

"How did you happen to become a
lightning change artist?"
"I got started at the game by switching
my winter fannels on and off."

Both Useful.

"The government ought to establish
cooking schools all over the country."
"Yes; there's only one thing more im-
portant than the cooking school."

"What's that?"
"There ought to be schools for teach-
ing poor girls the rudiments of bridge
whist."

Another Species.

On hasty marriage they embark,
Then would be free again.
It seems to taken her for a lark
And finds she is a hen.

Just Like Canada.

"Tom, what is reciprocity?"
"It's this way, Mabel. I give you a
hug and you give me a kiss. That's recipro-
city. Will you do it?"

"I fear it might lead to annexation,
and I don't know that I'm prepared for
that."

A Family Custom.

"Why do you visit that cold-storage
warehouse every Sunday?"
"The children like to be taken around
to see our Thanksgiving turkey fatten-
ing."

The Perfect Woman.

The perfect woman should have a
waist measuring three times the distance
around her forearm.

Her outstretched arms, from finger tip
to finger tip, should be equal to her
height.

She should be equipped with eighteen
puffs, four tails, and two coronet braids.

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Physical Training and Wiser Eat-
ing Cause of Development.

All women to-day have a wider hori-
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CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY.

By A. W. MACY.

WILLIAM DOCKWRA AND
CHEAP POSTAGE.

Strange as it may seem, before
1860 it was impossible to mail a
letter in the city of London without
taking it to the general post-
office, in Lombard street. In that
year William Dockwra, a mer-
chant, put into operation a scheme
for collecting and delivering let-
ters in any part of London for
one penny. He established a
number of receiving offices in
various parts of the city. The
movement worked so well that
well, in fact, that it provoked
great hostility. The postera
complained that it interfered
with their interests, as it no
doubt did, and tore down the plac-
ards announcing the scheme to
the public. Some fanatics even
denounced it as a Popish plot. But
it succeeded so well that it came
near paying expenses the first
year. Our present-day method of
handling mail in large cities is
not much, if any, better than
that of Dockwra, and in one re-
spect it is not as good, for he
guaranteed to reimburse the
sender when anything of value
was lost while in the care of his
employees.

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AN ECHO OF WATERLOO.

Girl Descendant of Blucher Falls
Into Hands of Children's Society.

From the New York Sun.
A little girl, who says her mother
often told her she was a great-great-
granddaughter of Field Marshal von
Blucher, whose march to the field of
Waterloo turned the tide of battle
against Napoleon, is in the Children's
Society awaiting the time when Jus-
tice Hoyt, of the Children's Court, shall
decide if a woman be permitted to adopt
her.

Ellen von Blucher is the thirteen-year-
old girl's name. Her father, who was a
Count Gebhard von Blucher, gave
up his title to come to this country and
fight in the Union army in the civil war.
After the war he went into business,
but lost his money, and the last few
years of his life were spent in the
Soldiers' Home, in Washington.

He married a woman much younger
than himself while he was still in busi-
ness, and they had two children, Inge-
borg, now eighteen years old, and Ella.
Ingeborg has been working in the home
of Mr. Henry Wain, of 624 Eagle avenue,
the Bronx, and on Wednesday Ella
lived with her mother, Alvina von Blucher,
at 40 West 127th street. Ella went
to Mrs. Wain and told her that her
mother had turned her out of the house
and threatened to kill her if she went
back. So Mrs. Wain took little Ella
to the Children's Court, and told Jus-
tice Hoyt that she would like to adopt
her.

As yet if ruling on an legal way in
which it could be done, The Children's
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